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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of September 05, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 6 and amend Claims 1 and 2 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the current claims is found in the attached Appendix II.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Enter the substitute Abstract set forth in Appendix III of this paper.